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# SONIC

## THE COMIC

# HOG THE LIME- LIGHT!

NEW  
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**KNUCKLES!**  
THE GHOST SHIP!

PLUS

**TAILS!**  
SHINING  
FORCE!

SATURN Q ZONE!  
GREEN GRAPHIC ZONE!  
COMPUTER PIXEL ZONE!

NEW  
ZONE

FORTNIGHTLY

YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.

# CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers!

Spring has almost sprung, so it must be time for my annual circuit and chrome service. In tune with my make over, this issue of STC's looking rather spick and span ...

Sonic, Amy and Johnny venture into enemy territory in Mission to the Metropolis Zone! Knuckles has a brush with Captain Plunder when they pair up for a new six part voyage - no doubt you'll be hooked! There's plenty more swashbuckling in part two of Shining Force, and Tails is in a hole with Tantrum in Fox on the Run.

The Graphic Zone goes green to coincide with St Patrick's Day. Your computer artwork is also featured this issue in the Pixel Zone, proving what a multi-talented bunch of Boomers you are!

If you want to know the secrets of Sega's energetic Echidna, don't forget to order the first ever Knuckles Knockout Special, on sale 25 May. Meanwhile, I have to prepare for the Easter issue due out in two weeks' time, so enough rabbit from me - see you then for an even more egg-citing read!

Megadroid

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- 8 ↓ PRIMAL RAGE
- 9 RE TAZ-MANIA: ESCAPE FROM MARS
- 10 NEW CASINO FUNPACK

# SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

## Mission to the Metropolis Zone

COMPLETE STORY

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Colouring:  
Steve White  
Lettering:  
Steve Potter

MIDNIGHT IN THE METROPOLIS ZONE...  
AT THE HEART OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S  
EVIL EMPIRE...

ARE  
YOU SURE  
IT WAS WISE  
FOR US TO  
COME HERE,  
SONIC?

OBEY

STAY COOL, JOHNNY!  
WORD ON THE STREETS IS THAT  
ROBOTNIK'S HEAD SOON, COMMANDER  
BRUTUS, HAS GONE A.W.O.L.\* AND OLD  
EGG BRAIN CAN'T COPE WITH THE  
REDUCED MANPOWER!

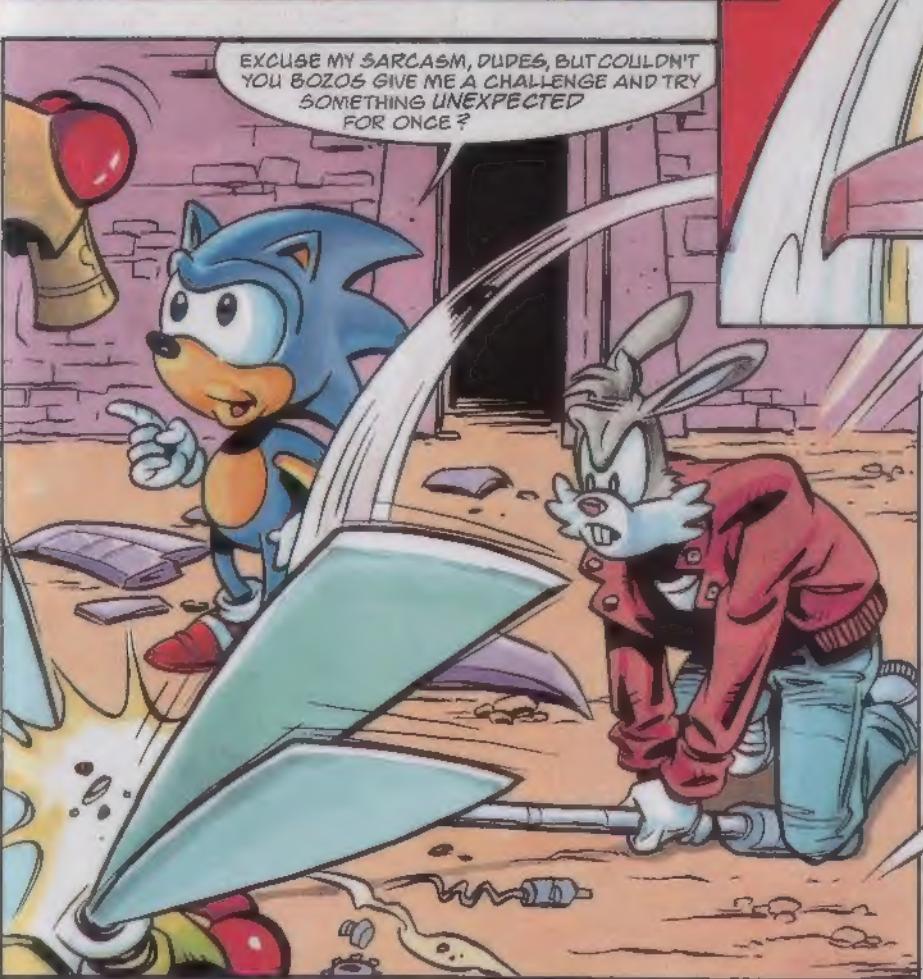
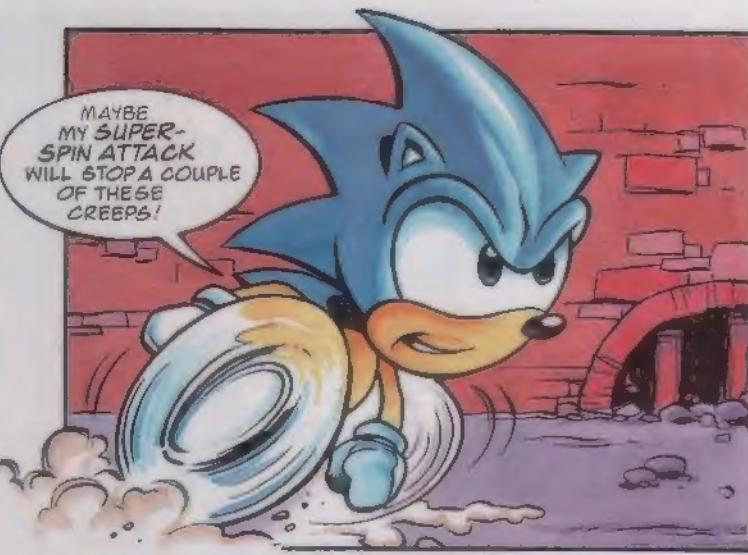
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LEAVE  
MEGADROID.

SONIC'S RIGHT!  
WE CAN TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF  
THE SITUATION  
AND SABOTAGE  
ROBOTNIK'S  
PLANS!

I  
JUST HOPE  
IT WORKS!

HEADS UP.  
GANG! WE'VE BEEN  
SPOTTED!





WE'RE OUTNUMBERED!  
RUN, AMY! ESCAPE WHILE  
YOU CAN!

NOT  
WITHOUT  
YOU!

IT'S  
THE ONLY  
WAY, AMY! GO!  
SAVE YOUR-  
SELF!

ULP!  
O-KAY!

DON'T CROWD ME, BADNIK!  
I FEEL BAD ENOUGH ABOUT  
THIS AS IT IS!

KCHUNNG

THE GIRL  
HAS ELUDDED  
US!

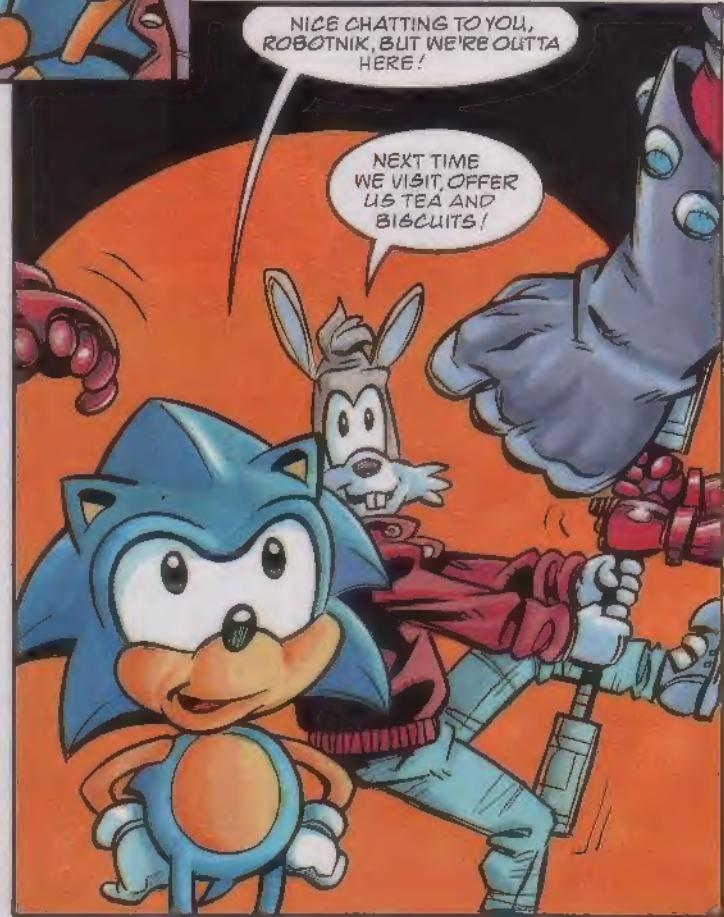
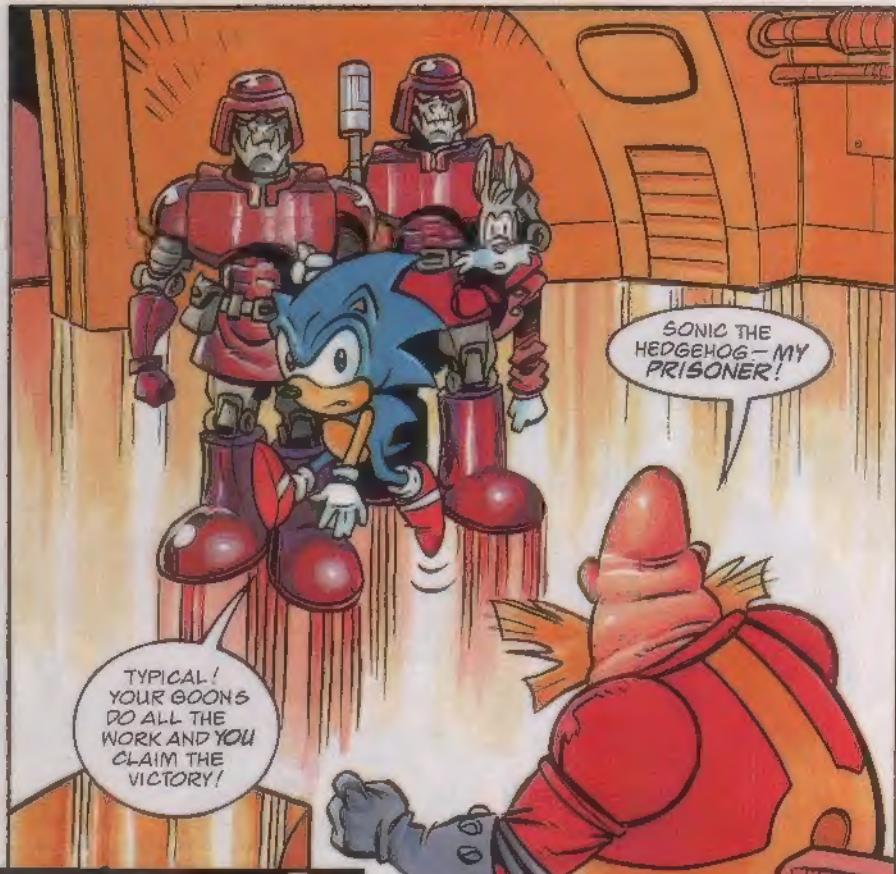
LEAVE HER! WE  
HAVE TWO CAPTIVES  
THAT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK  
WILL BE VERY  
PLEASSED WITH!

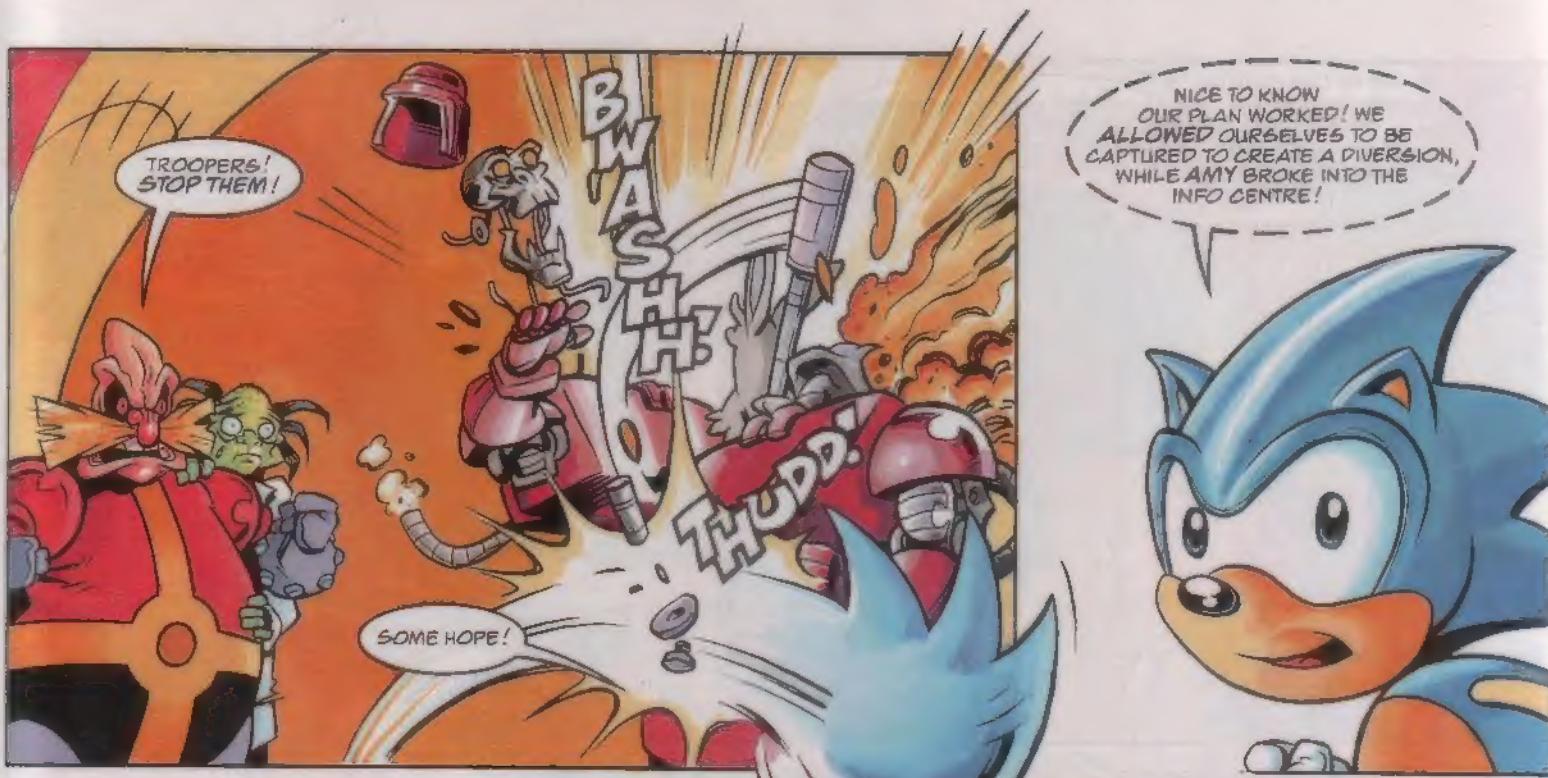
NEARBY, IN CITADEL ROBOTNIK...

BAH! STILL NO  
WORD FROM BRUTUS! HAVE  
YOU NO IDEA WHERE HE IS,  
GRIMER? \*

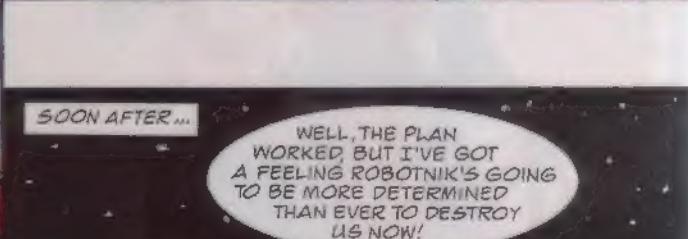
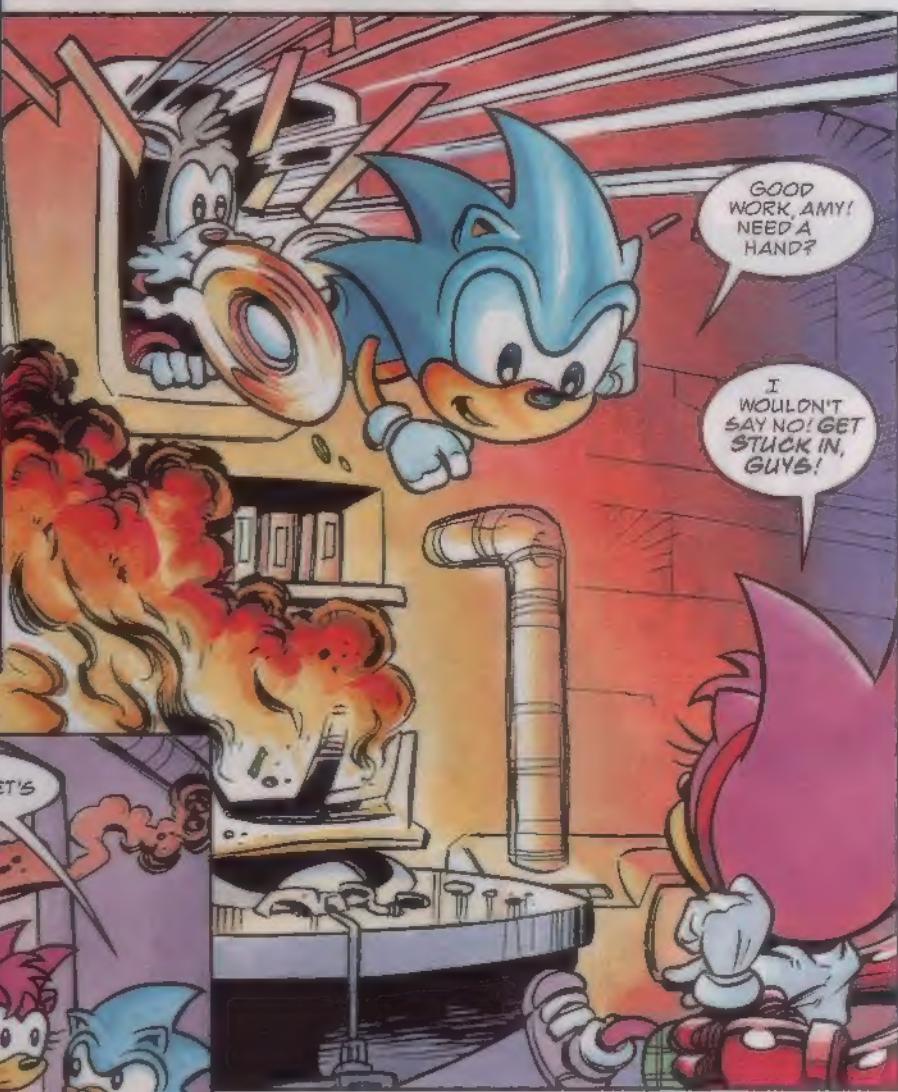
N-NO, SIR!

\* BRUTUS IS IN A SECRET LOCATION PLANNING  
SOMETHING BIG! (SEE ISSUE 72.) FIND OUT  
WHAT IN FUTURE ISSUES - MEGADROID.









# GRAPHIC ZONE

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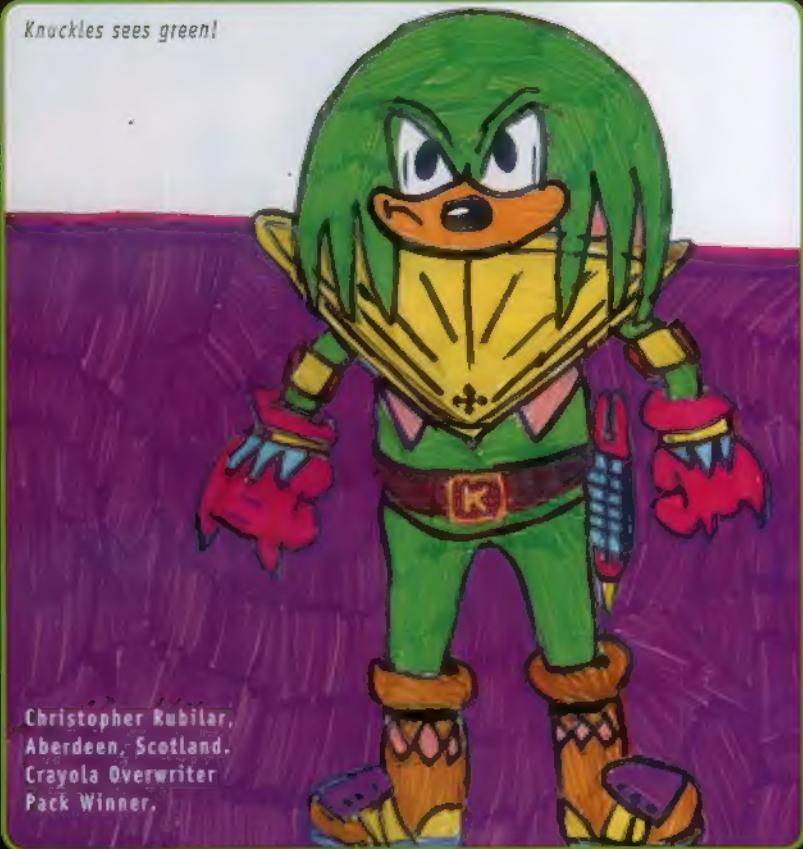
BONO  
Sonic

Even better than the  
real thing?



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Pack Winner.

Knuckles sees green!



Christopher Kubilar,  
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Crayola Overwriter  
Pack Winner.

Sonic in the best of elf!



Karen Smith,  
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MS Owner.  
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Overwriter Pack  
Winner.

# The Emerald Hill Head Bangers



Joanne Scott, Sunderland, Tyne & Wear.  
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THE INFAMOUS CAPTAIN PLUNDER AND HIS CREW

# KNUCKLES GHOST SHIP

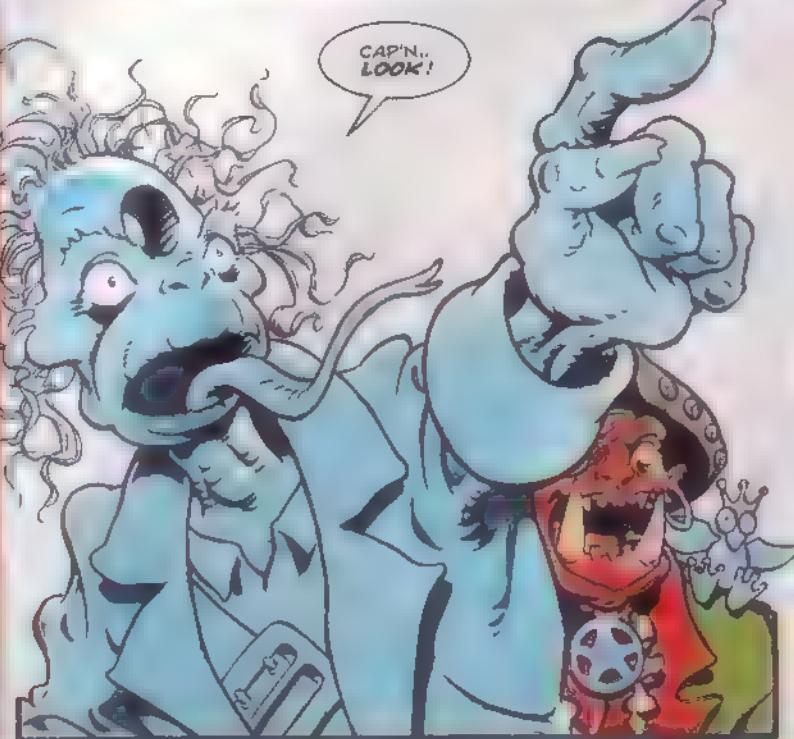
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FAIRY FELL



STAY AT YOUR POST YOU SCURVY SWAB!

WE'VE COME TOO FAR TO TURN TA - AN RUN!

CAP'N.. LOOK!





THE SURFACE OF THE FLOATING ISLAND  
IS THE MUSHROOM HILL ZONE. THE  
CURRENT DWELLING PLACE FOR THE  
EMERALD HILL FOLK OF MOBIUS

NO,  
SORRY,  
KNUCKLES, BUT  
I CAN'T HELP  
YOU...

YOU  
WERE THE ONE  
I WAS SURE COULD  
HELP REPAIR MY  
EMERALD CHAMBER.  
PORKER!

RATS,  
I'LL NEVER GET  
ALL THE FLOATING  
ISLAND'S  
SYSTEMS BACK  
ON LINE \*

I DON'T  
HAVE ANY DIAGRAMS  
FOR THIS ANCIENT  
EQUIPMENT. I USUALLY  
JUST GUESS!

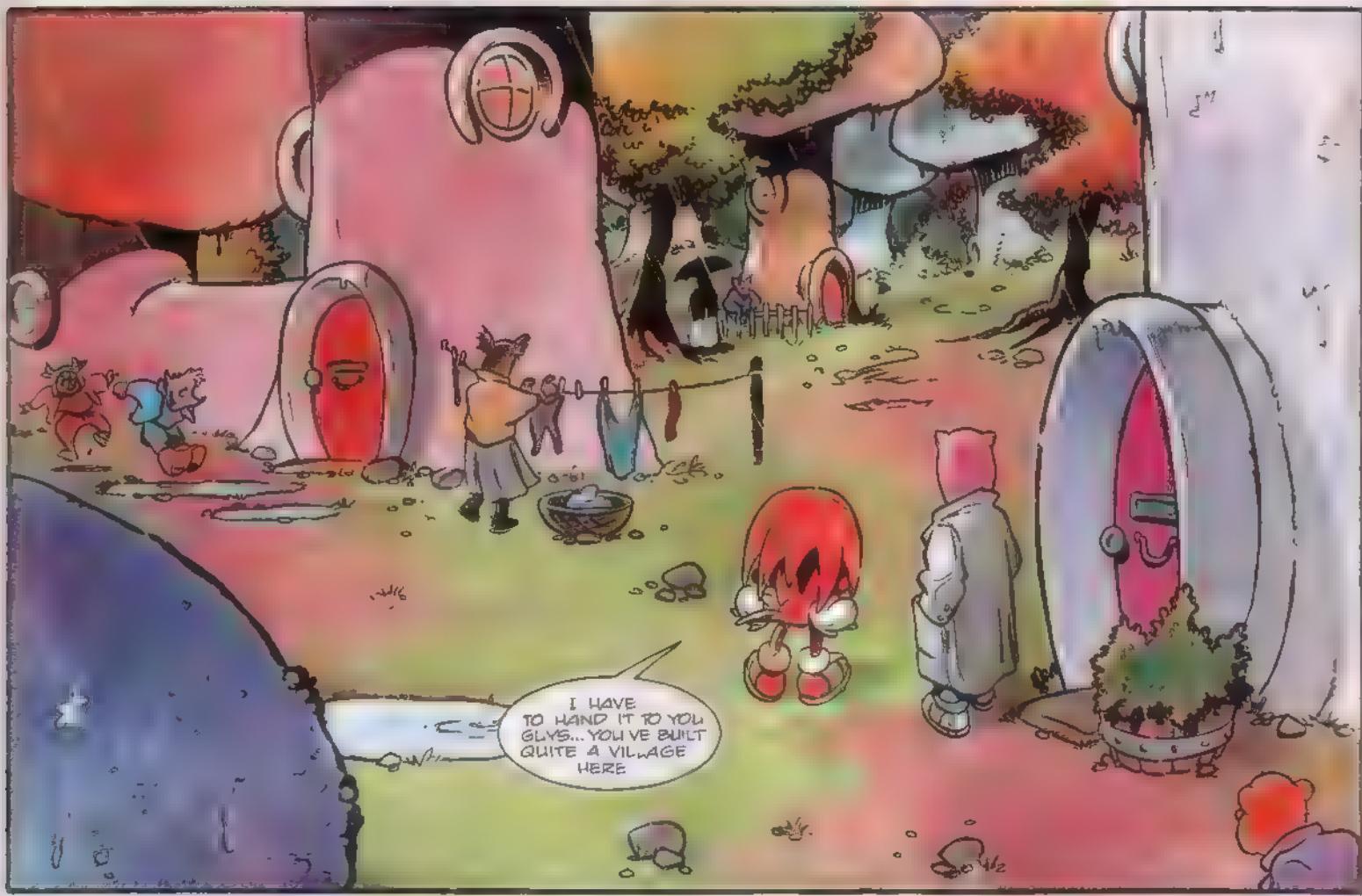
THIS  
IS ANCIENT  
TECHNOLOGY... VERY  
COMPLICATED AND  
TOTALLY ALIEN  
TO ME.

TRUTH  
IS, I JUST DON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
IT!

\*AFTER A LITTLE ACCIDENT IN  
THE EMERALD CHAMBER, SEE  
LAST ISSUE - Megadroid.

IF ONLY  
I COULD REPAIR THE  
ISLAND'S FORCE FIELD...  
IF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK  
COMES LOOKING FOR THE  
EMERALD HILL  
FOLK...

TAKE IT  
EASY, KNUCKLES'  
ROBOTNIK HAS NO  
IDEA WE'RE HIDING  
OUT HERE!





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address details.

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Winner.



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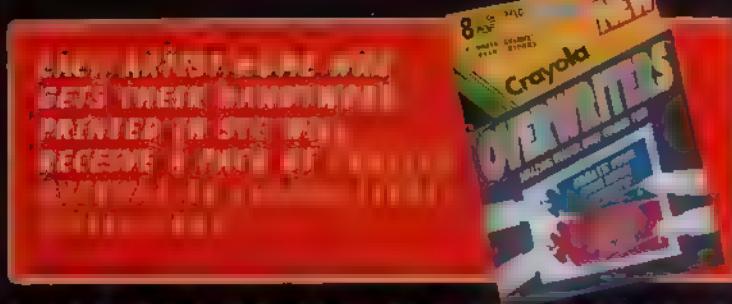
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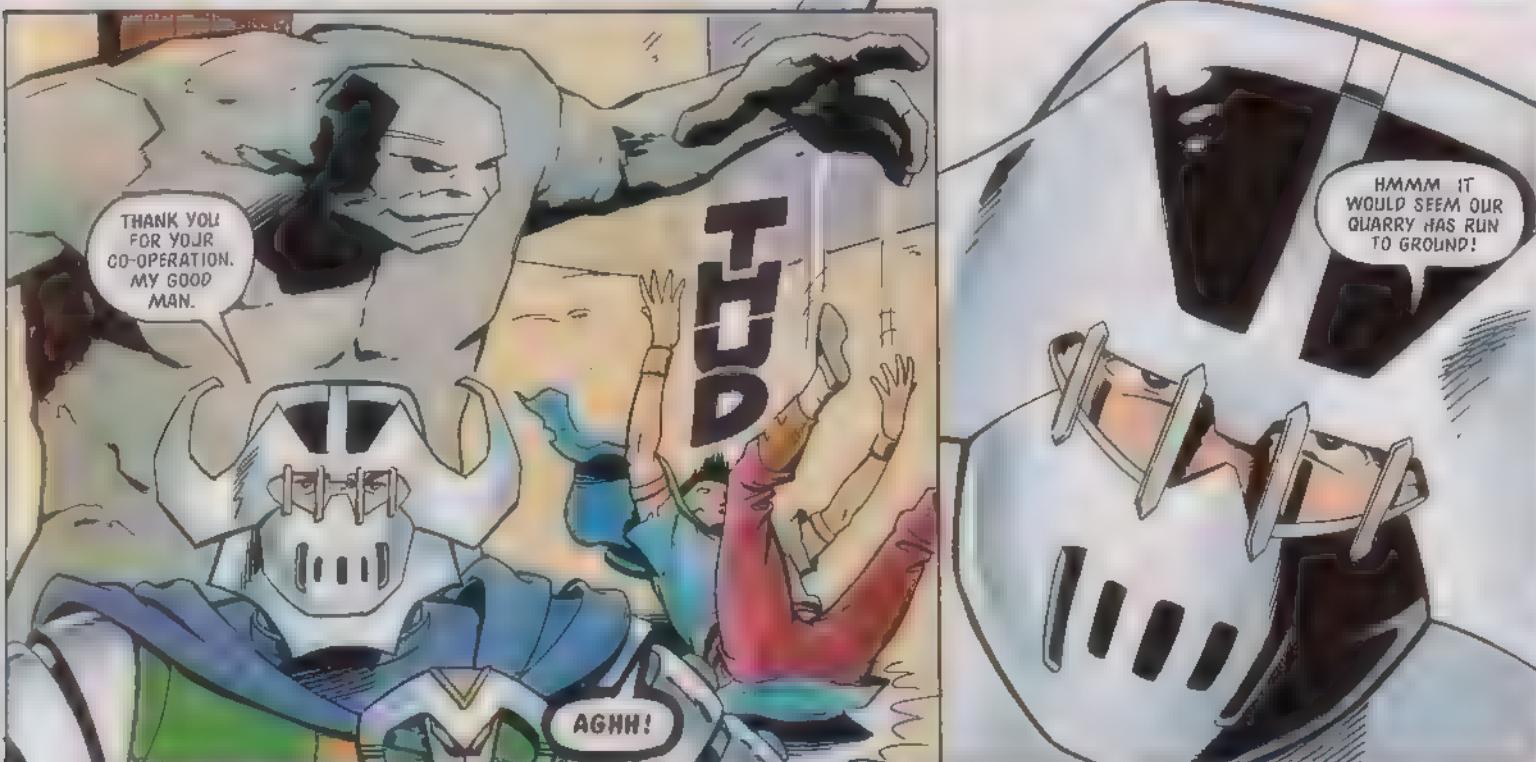
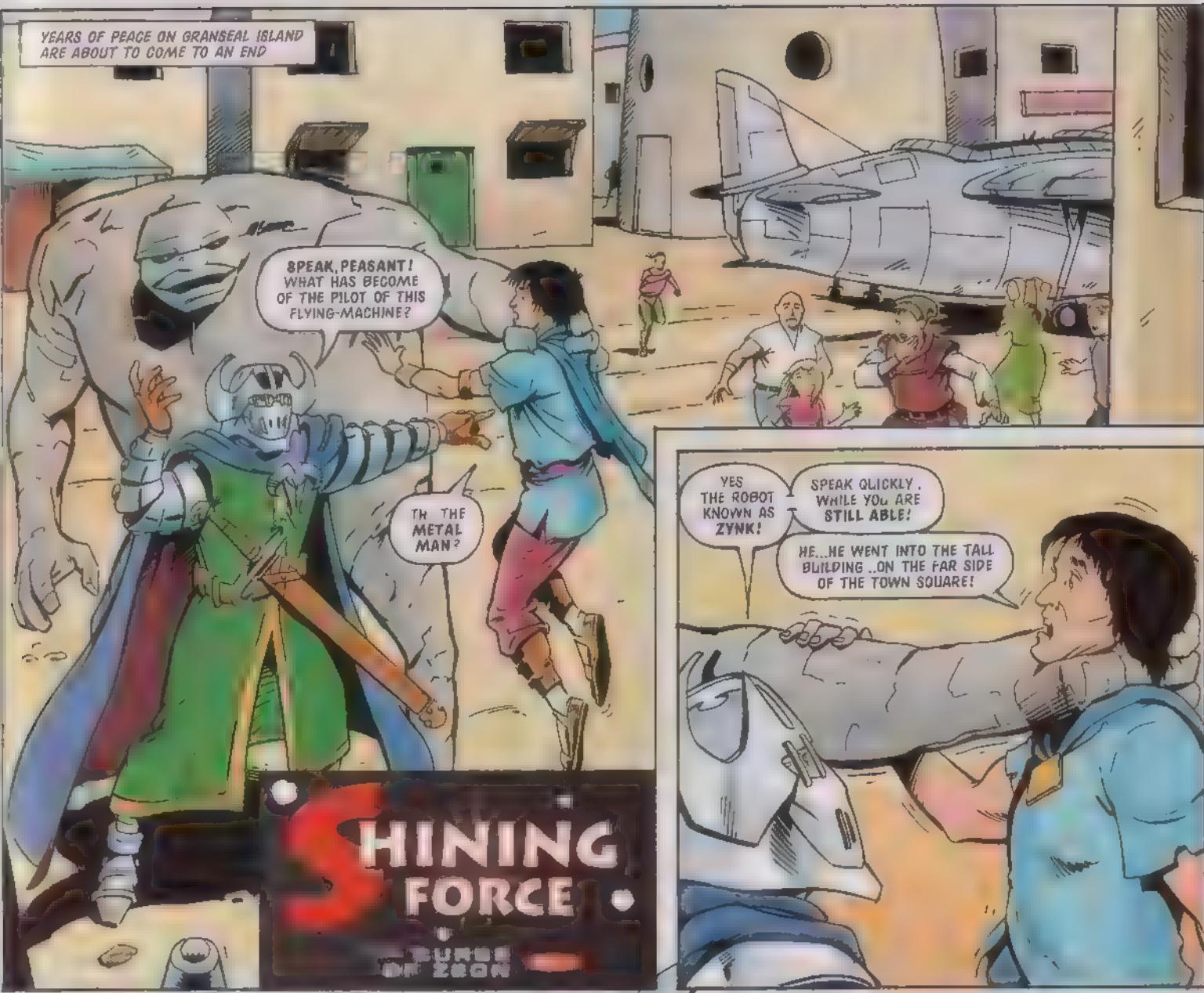


Jonathan Arundell,  
Chellaston, Derby.  
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Pack Winner.



\* STG REGRETS THAT ARTWORK CANNOT BE RETURNED.





MEANWHILE, ON THE MAINLAND OF RUNE  
BENEATH THE ANCIENT TOWN OF RIBBLE...

NO! YOU  
CAN'T DO THAT--  
YOU HAVE NO  
RIGHT!

ON THE CONTRARY, TREVILLION  
THIS DOCUMENT DEMANDS THAT YOU QUIT  
YOUR WORK ON THIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
DIG AT ONCE!

AS YOU CAN SEE, IT IS SIGNED  
BY THE KING HIMSELF!

I CAN'T BE:  
THE KING GAVE ME  
HIS PERMISSION  
TO DIG HERE  
PERSONALLY!

AND NOW HE  
IS WITHIN  
IT!

THAT BROOCH...IT IS THE SYMBOL OF THE  
EVIL DEMON KNOWN AS ZEON!

THIS MAN MUST BE A ZEONITE  
I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THE KING CAN BE  
INVOLVED WITH THOSE LUNATICS!

YOU HAVEN'T  
HEARD THE LAST  
OF THIS!

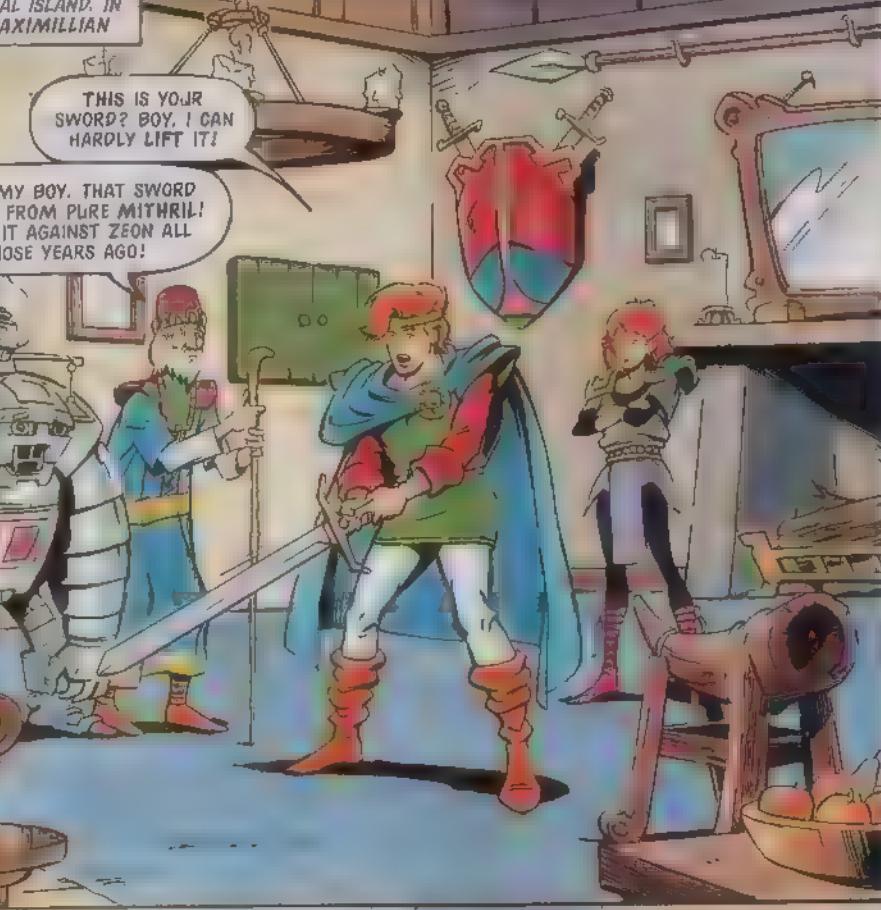
OUT, ALL  
OF YOU!

BACK ON GRANSEAL ISLAND, IN  
THE HOUSE OF MAXIMILLIAN

THIS IS YOUR  
SWORD? BOY, I CAN  
HARDLY LIFT IT!

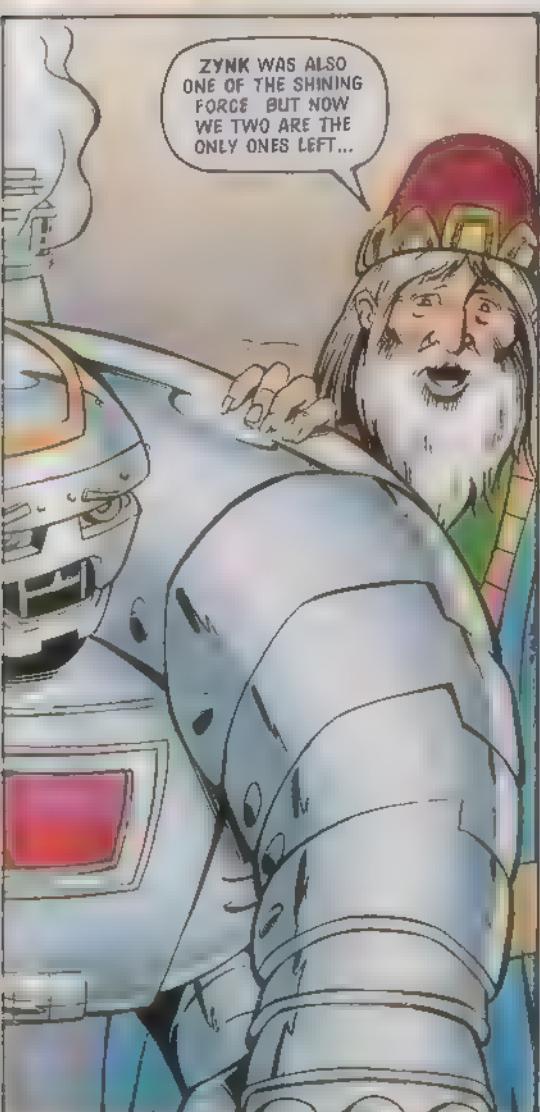
BOWIE MY BOY, THAT SWORD  
IS MADE FROM PURE MITHRIL!  
I USED IT AGAINST ZEON ALL  
THOSE YEARS AGO!

YOUR GRANDFATHER FORCED ZEON  
BACK THROUGH THE PORTAL AND  
TRAPPED HIM IN THE ABYSS!



ZYNK WAS ALSO  
ONE OF THE SHINING  
FORCE BUT NOW  
WE TWO ARE THE  
ONLY ONES LEFT...

BUT ZYNK... YOU  
WERE SAYING  
SOMETHING ABOUT  
ZEON'S FOLLOWERS  
HAVING A PLAN TO  
BRING HIM BACK  
FROM THE ABYSS!



IF THAT IS TRUE  
THE WORLD OF RUNE  
NEEDS A NEW SHINING  
FORCE AND A NEW  
LEADER!

GRANDFATHER,  
WHY ARE YOU  
LOOKING AT ME  
LIKE THAT?



YES, OF COURSE! BOWE, THE GRANDSON OF THE ORIGINAL LEADER WILL FORM A NEW SHINING FORCE!

TAYA  
WILL YOU  
SHUT UP!

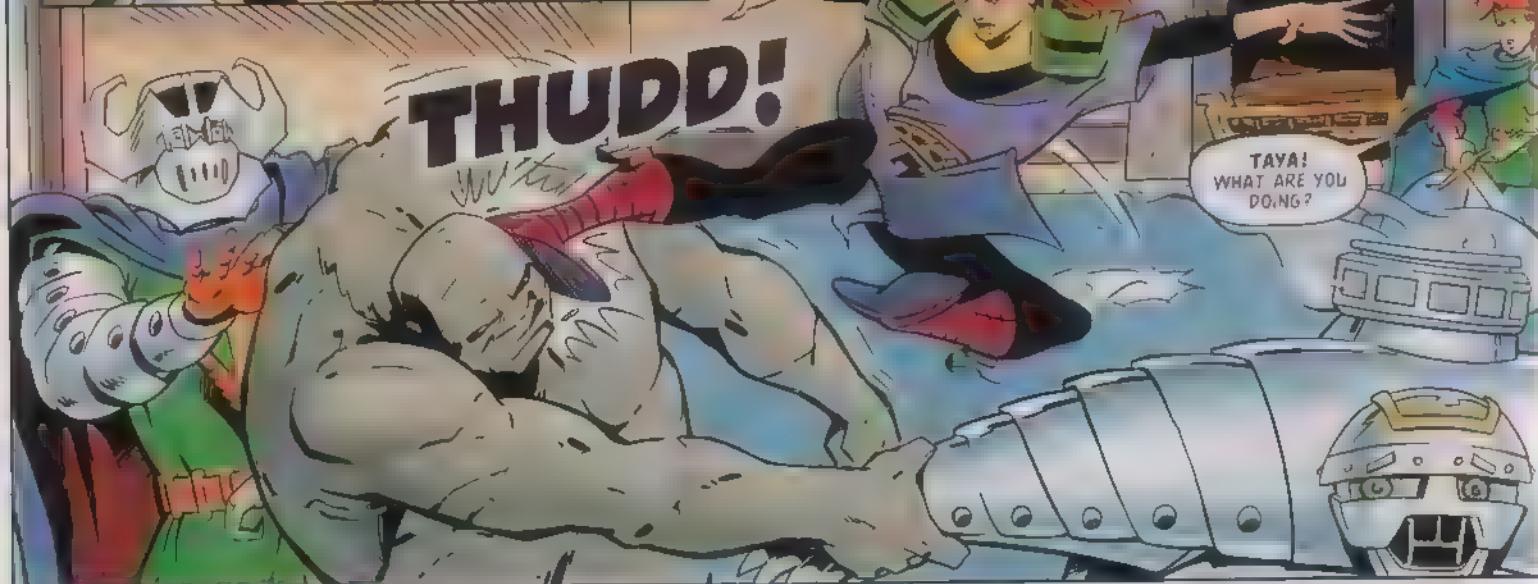
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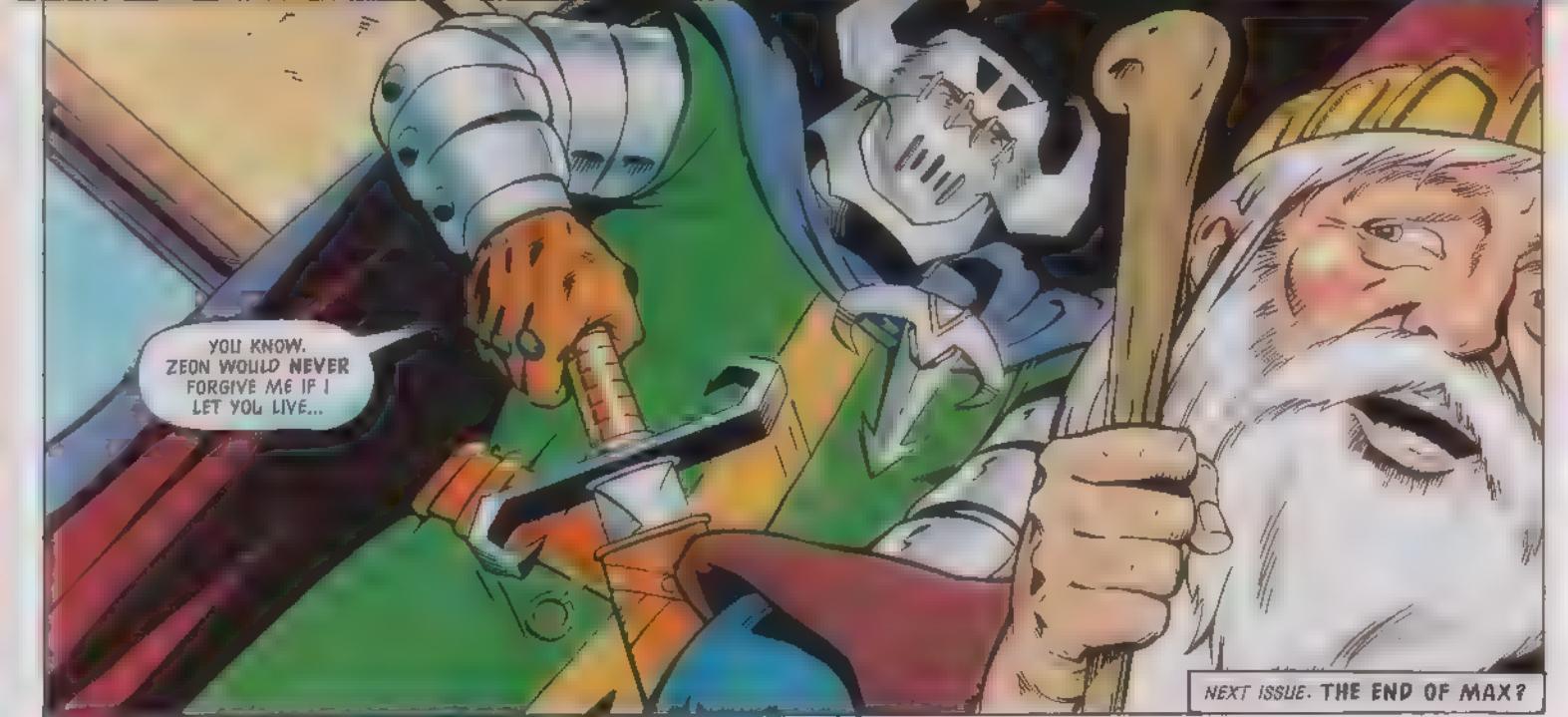
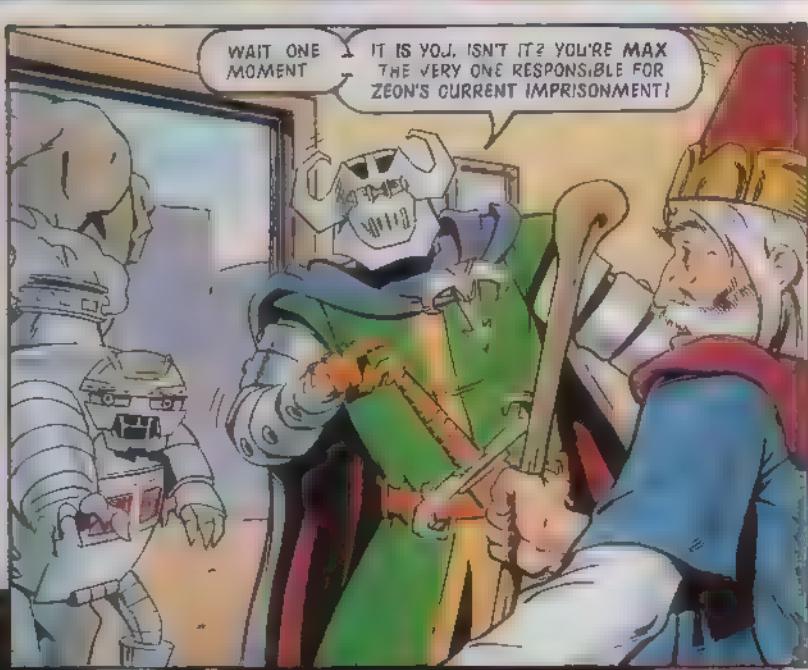
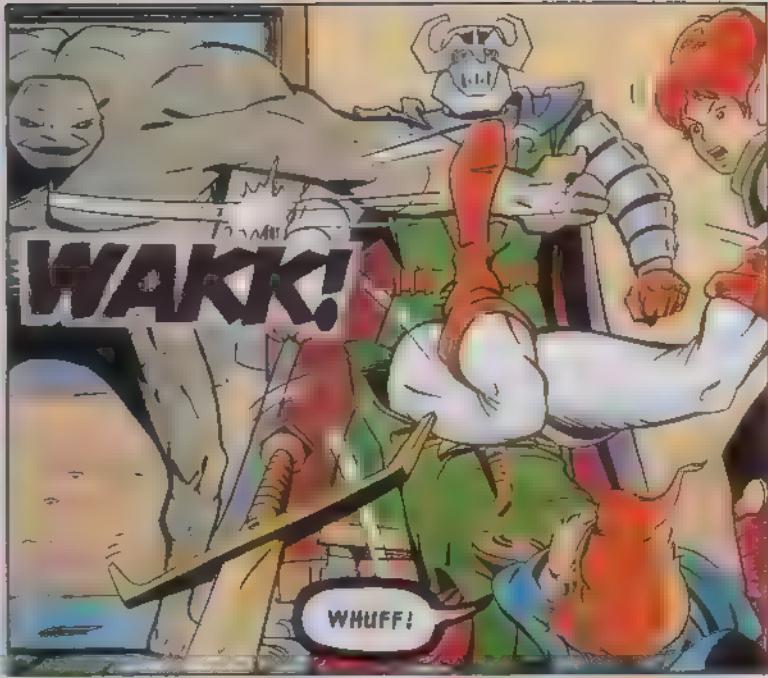


THUDD!

HANDS OFF, UGLY!

TAYA!  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?





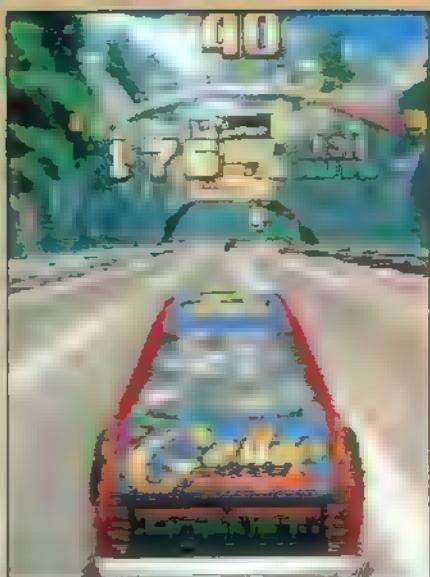


# ZONE

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**Q IS FOR QUERY.**  
**Q IS FOR QUANDARY.**

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# SATURN

## SPORTS CAR RACE

Chris Jones at STC's Q Zone has come up with some handy hints for Saturn system users since the launch last year.



### DAYTONA USA

Hurtling around Daytona race track is a must for speed demons. This ace new Saturn racing game has been cranking up the revs ever since its release. Here are just a few ways for you to burn rubber and tinker with the games settings:



### TOP TIPS

1. The number one tip for racing is to remember to **Slipstream**. This means when you want to overtake a car, drop in right behind it and you'll instantly start picking up speed because the car in front is soaking up all the wind resistance.

Slipstreaming will allow you to bust your cars top speed and zoom off past an opponent.

2. Learn to drive into a **Skid**. This allows you to remain in control of the car and not waste vital seconds.

3. Get more **Horsepower** from the game by holding UP-LEFT on the D-pad, along with A, B, X, Z and START. This will give you access to all the cars (obtained through winning races) and a

metallic painted Horse that you can drive around the track. Nay kidding!

4. When you are in the pits, press A, B, C, and START, at the exact moment the pit crew remove your tyres. Once the race is over, watch the demo and you'll see that the crew have forgotten to put the wheels back on your vehicle - it's now a hover-car!
5. Finally, play Chicken by racing the wrong way down the track. Do this by holding down START on the track select screen which will activate the mirror mode. Funnily enough, your race times will still be logged if you survive.

### PANZER DRAGOON



If, when playing this 3-D dragon riding game you suddenly think "More Speed, More Speed", then a 'wizard mode' is available to make this game super fast. Go to the title screen and enter L, R, L, R, Up, Down, Up, Down, Left and Right.

For a special 'Space Harrier' mode go to the Saturn system options screen, change the language to German (Deutsch) and then at the title screen enter Up, X, Right, X, Down, X, Left, X, Up, Y and Z.

Finally, for a special edge in this game activate the 'barrel roll' mode. Go to the title screen and enter Up, Right, Down, Left, Up, Right, Down, Left and Up. Barrel rolls are then available at any time by locking on and repeatedly pressing Right.



### VIRTUA FIGHTER



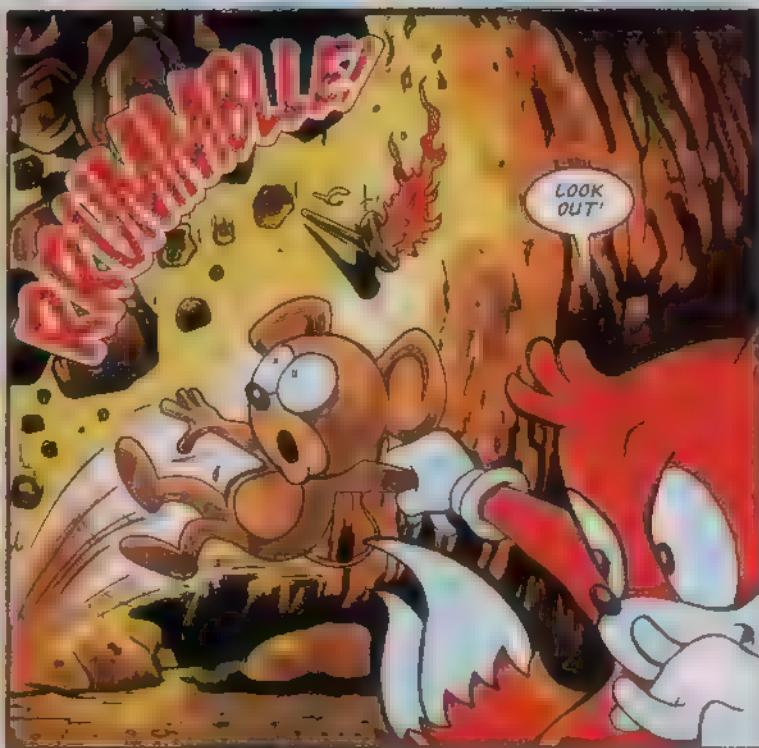
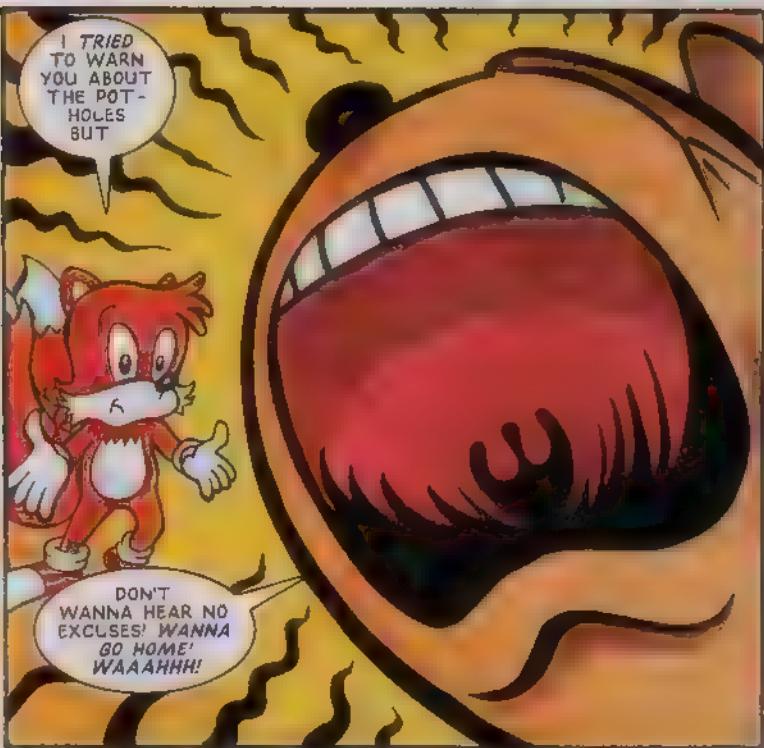
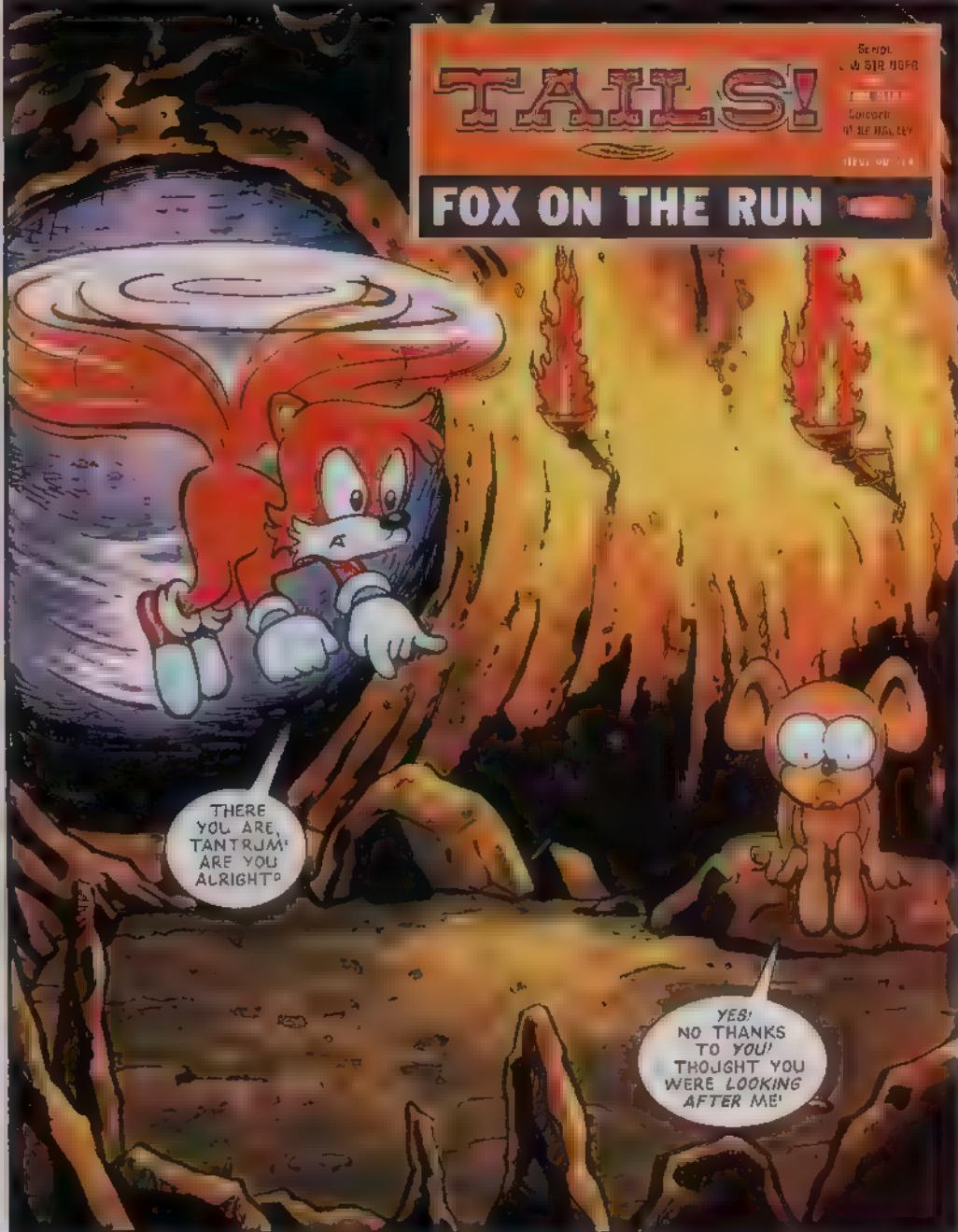
If you are a mean fighting machine, then this Stage Select cheat is sure to make you punch drunk! For a Stage Select and the ability to alter the ring size, simply press Up on the title screen 12 times and then access the options screen. Go down to "exit" and press Down a few times to find a new options screen.



NEXT ISSUE: A SWIMMINGLY GOOD ECCO THE DOLPHIN SPECIAL!

The END

EAGER TO HELP, TAILS IS ESCORTING A YOUNG MOUSE NAMED TANTRUM BACK HOME TO THE METROPOLIS ZONE. HOWEVER THIS PROVES TO BE MORE TROUBLE THAN EXPECTED AS THEY ARE CHASED BY A BOUNTY HUNTER, AND THE MOUSE FALLS INTO A PIT SHAFT. TAILS FOLLOWS.



LOOK WHAT YOU DID! WE'RE TRAPPED DOWN HERE!

WHAT I DID? IT WAS YOUR WAILING THAT CAUSED THE CAVE IN! OH, WHAT'S THE USE?

LET'S FIND A WAY OUT! AT LEAST WE'RE SAFE FROM THAT BOUNTY HUNTER WHILE WE'RE DOWN HERE.

BUT ABOVE GROUND, FLEABYTE THE BOUNTY HUNTER ISN'T GIVING UP THAT EASILY

IF THEM VARMINTS THINK FOR ONE MINUTE THEY KIN GET AWAY FROM ME, THEY KIN THINK AGAIN!

THERE'S A REE-WARD ON THAT FOX'S HEAD AN' AHM GONNA TRACK HIM DOWN WITH THIS HERE INFRA-RED HEAT SCANNER DEE-VICE! HYUK, HYUK!

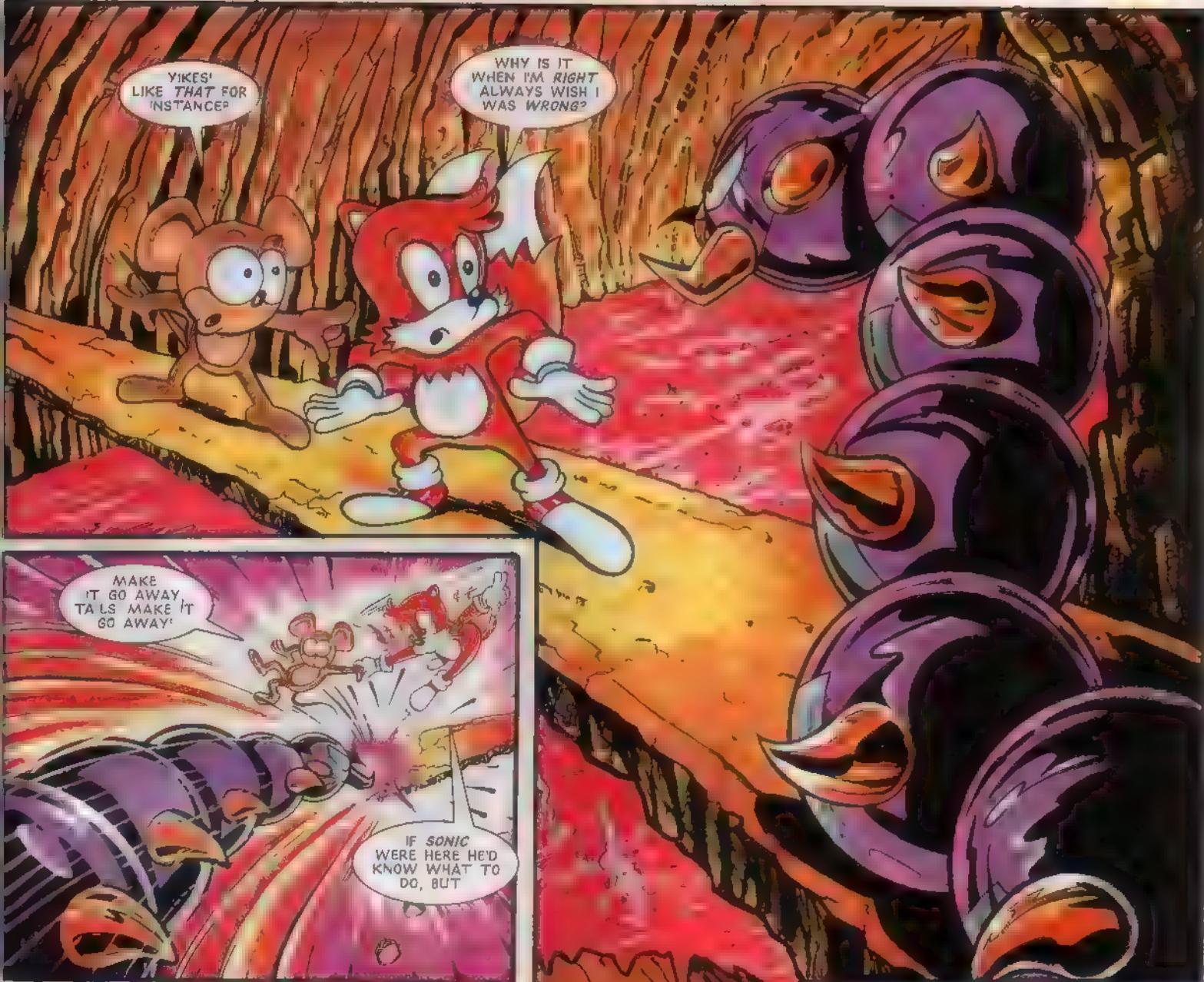
COCK WOULD YOU SWAP YOUR WASHING POWDER FOR A PACKET OF NEW IMPROVED DAZZLE?

DUHH DARN! PRESSED THE WRONG BUTTON!

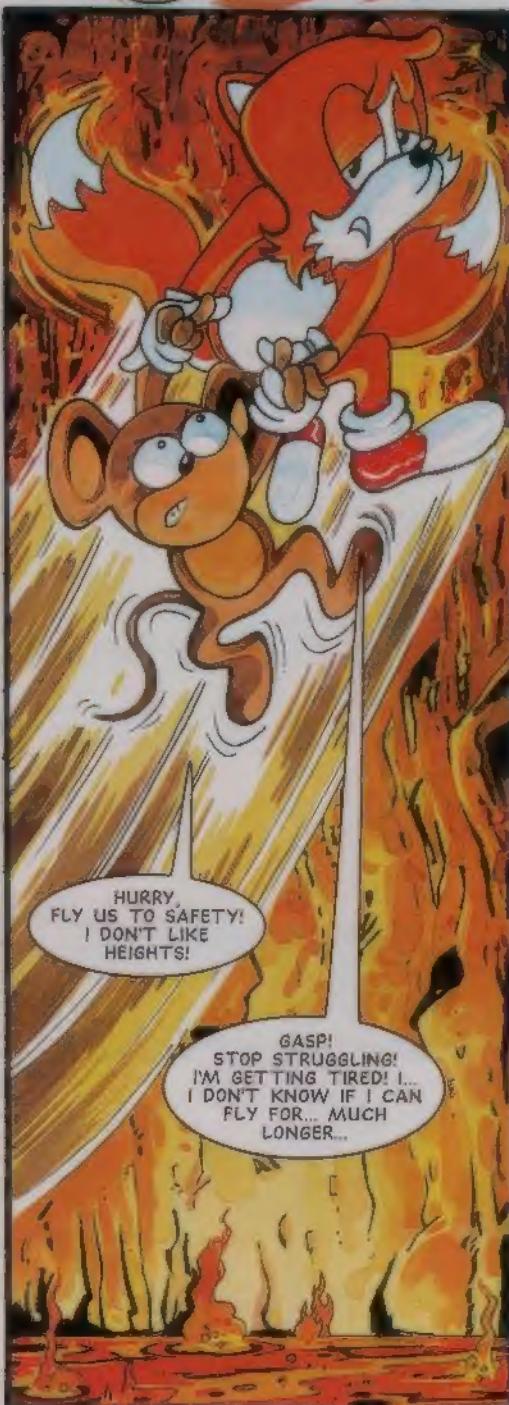
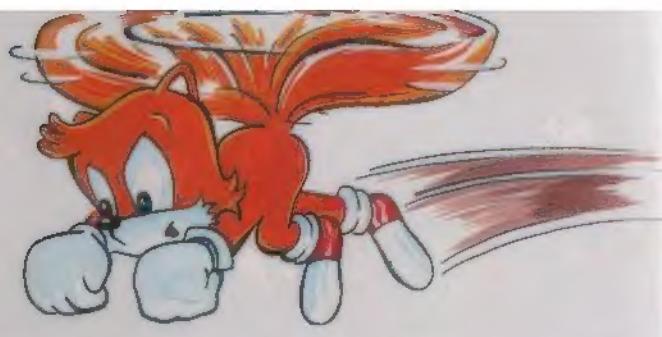
BACK DOWN BELOW™

THIS IS THE SORT OF PLACE YOU'D FIND BADNIKS LURKING AROUND IN!

JLP







NEXT ISSUE: TIME FOR A HOT BATH?



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... OR USE THE E-MAIL SERVICE (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS).

## STC AWOL!

Dear Megadroid,

Why doesn't everybody at STC take a long well deserved holiday for all the great work done on the comic?

Rebecca Anderson, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland.

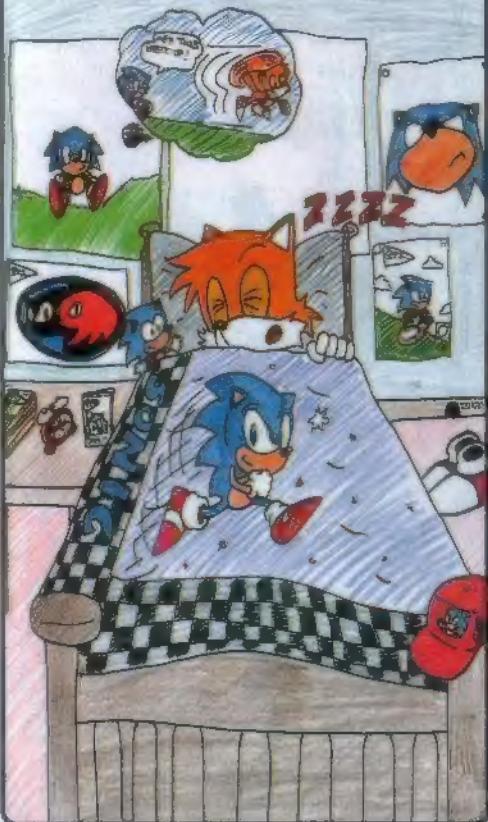
MD owner.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



'Rebecca', aye? Well, you don't fool me - I suspect this is a plant by the humes-who-think-they're-in-charge?

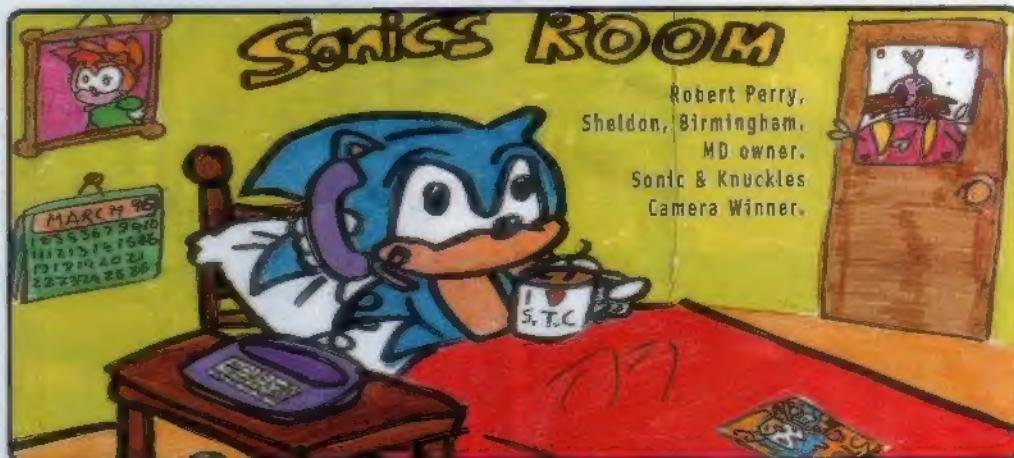
Guess who's sleeping in Sonic's bed?



Michael Freer, Fitzwilliam, W Yorks.

MD owner.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



## SHAW THING!

Dear Megadroid,

Now that Spring is in the air, I think it's about time you got yourself a girlfriend to join you at STC. What do you think?

Matthew Shaw, Wellesbourne, Warwickshire.

MCD & MD owner.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Perhaps, Matthew, eligible droids should write to Droid Dating Agency c/o STC! Only Mk II and later models need apply!

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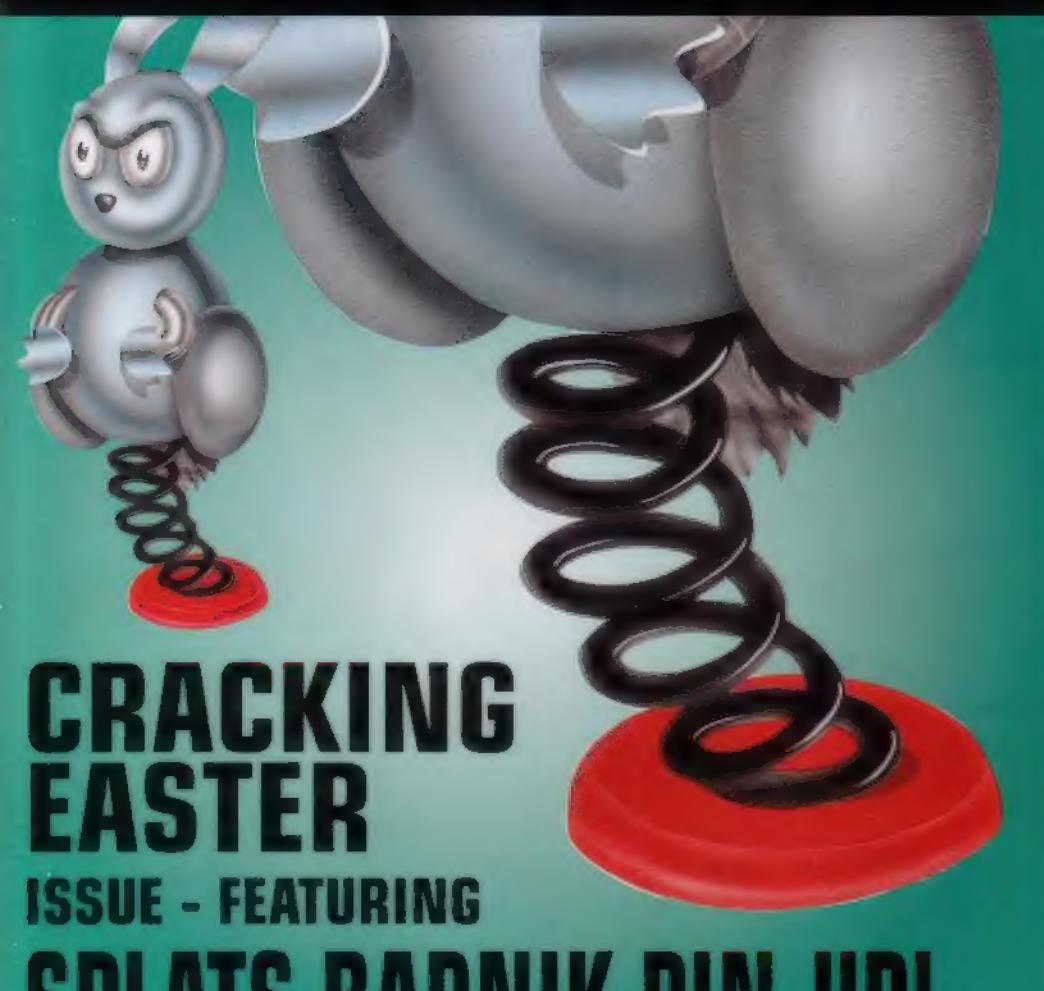


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